

### Fresh Missionary Facts.

There are 82 missionaries at work this year (1907) in the Western N. C. Conference. Their average salary last year was \$312. These missionaries received into the church on profession of faith 796 members.

The M. E. Church, South, has 1,675,198 members, increase for 1906, 49,000; total missionary contributions \$465,848, or 28 cents per capita.

The Western N. C. Conference has 82,202 members; added on profession of faith for 1906, 3,611 members; total missionary contributions, \$38,379, or 47c. per capita. (This includes the woman's missionary societies.)

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We cannot afford to imperil the very existence of our church by doing less for foreign missions, but we must make a larger reason for the existence of our church by doing more at home and abroad.

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The church that sends representatives to non-Christian lands and forgets that they are there, forgets to support them, forgets to bear their names in fervent prayer before the throne of grace, is a church that brings contempt upon itself and defeat upon its cause.—*James I. Vance.*

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Rev. W. H. Willis, of Cornelius, N. C., is the pastor in charge at Mt. Zion, a country station composed of farmers, cotton mill operatives and other villagers. The missionary assessment was \$115 and it raised \$600—supporting its own special missionary, Rev. S. A. Stewart, Kobe, Japan. The following will show the growth of Mt. Zion for two years: Paid for foreign missions in 1904, \$100; in 1906, \$600. All other conference collections in 1904, \$105; in 1906, \$235. Individual contributions in 1904, \$125; in 1906, \$570. Membership in 1904, 596; in 1906, 603. Additions by professions for two years, 99.